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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY; LISBON AND LIBREVILLE FOR AMB YOUNG'S PARTY
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP BRIEFING OF SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT REGARDING HANDING OF TALKING POINTS TO MOZAMBIQUE
AND SWAPO

REF: (A) MAPUTO 544 (NOTAL); (B9 STATE 110061 (NOTAL)

1. PURSUANT REFTEL (A), USUN HAS TALKED P.M. MAY 15
WITH CANADIAN, FRENCH, FRG, AND BRITISH MISSIONS ASKING
THEM TO REQUEST THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO AUTHORIZE
CAPE TOWN CONTACT GROUP TO BRIEF SAG IMMEDIATELY REGARDING
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HANDING OF CONTACT GROUP TALKING POINTS TO MOZA BIQUE AND
SWAPO.

2. THESE MISSIONS ALL AGREED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH CAPITALS
AS IMMEDIATELY AS POSSIBLE. UK MISOFF BRIGHTY CONSIDERED
MATTER TO BE OF EXTREME URGENCY DUE TO IMMINENT POSSIBILITY OF
PRESS LEAKS REGARDING DELIVERY OF TALKING POINT PAPERS TO

MOZAMBIQUE AND SWAPO. IN CABLE HE RECOMMENDED THAT LONDON
AUTHORIZE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO SAG TO PARTICIPATE IN
CONTACT GROUP APPROACH TO SAG AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
CANADA'S MINISTER-COUNSELOR LA POINTE, WHILE RECOGNIZING
POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT OF EARLY PRESS LEAKS BEFORE SAG
BRIEFED, CONSIDERED PACKAGING OF CONTACT GROUP APPROACH TO
SAG MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IF GOOD WILL OF SAG TO BE
PRESERVED AS INTACT AS POSSIBLE. HE CALLED FOR NEW YORK
CONTACT GROUP MEETING EARLY ON MAY 16 TO DISCUSS THIS.
ACCORDINGLY, MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. AT USUN HAS BEEN
ARRANGED. FRENCH COUNSELOR GARRIGUE-GUYONNAUD AND FRG
COUNSELOR DR. VERGAU HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT AT THAT TIME
THAT PARIS AND BONN HAVE AUTHORIZED CAPE TOWN CONTACT
GROUP BRIEFING OF SAG. THEY TOO UNDERLINED URGENCY AND
SENSITIVITY OF MATTER.
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